

(iii) A Central Checking Team conducts periodic checking of police stations and other police establishments in order to prevent illegal detention, illegal use of handcuffs, non-registration and minimization of offences etc.

(iv) Senior Police officers of the rank of DCPs and ACPs visit police stations regularly for attending to and removing the grievances of public on the spot.

(v) In all police stations a separate area has been earmarked. It has been named 'Sankraman Kaksha'. It has been located in the vicinity of Reporting Room and SHOs Room. Investigating Officers have directions to examine suspects and witnesses in 'Sankraman Kaksha' only. No member of the public is allowed to go, or be taken, to any other room of the police station for questioning.

(vi) The Investigating Officers are being briefed by their Senior Officers to desist from use of 3rd degree methods.

(vii) Instructions have been issued to all the concerned not to keep drunkards, drug addicts and injured persons at police stations. The police has directions to take them to Hospital, etc.

Orange Cultivation

4734. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote orange cultivation in the country;

(b) whether any extension centres have been established to assist the farmers to grow oranges; and

(c) if so, the places where these centres have been set up?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) During 8th Plan, Government of India has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Integrated Development of Fruits' under which assistance is being provided for establishment of nurseries for producing quality planting material, area expansion, improving productivity, demonstration, and training of farmers, to promote cultivation of fruits which also includes oranges. In addition, assistance is being provided for installation of drip irrigation system and mulching etc. under the scheme 'plastic in Agriculture'.

(b) and (c) Extension Services are being provided by the State Department of Horticulture/Agriculture. Besides, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is also providing technical know-how through its Centres viz. National Research Centre on citrus at Nagpur

(Maharashtra), Tinsukia (Assam Chethalli (Karnataka), Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh) & Bhatinda (Punjab).

[Translation]

Funds for Agriculture Development

4735. SHRI SUKHLAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Central Assistance allocated/ released to each State for the development of agriculture during the year, 1997-98 as compared to the year 1996-97;

(b) whether this amount is higher than that of the last year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c) An amount of Rs. 555 crore was released to the States by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation for development of agriculture during the year 1996-97 till December, 1996. State wise details are given in the statement attached.

During 1997-98, funds would be released to States under various Central/Centrally Sponsored Scheme based on the proposals received from the State Government, total allocation in the budget of the Department and the amount remaining unutilised in a particular State out of earlier releases made.

Statement

Funds Released for the Development of Agriculture during the year 1996-97

		(Rs. in crores)
S.No.	Name of State	Amount Released during 1996-97 (upto Dec. 1996)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	57.29
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.79
3.	Assam	1.76
4.	Bihar	4.15
5.	Goa	1.30
6.	Gujarat	23.93
7.	Haryana	13.61

1	2	3
8.	Himachal Pradesh	6.84
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	8.70
10.	Karnataka	42.03
11.	Kerala	22.64
12.	Madhya Pradesh	45.46
13.	Maharashtra	78.64
14.	Manipur	6.98
15.	Meghalaya	1.40
16.	Mizoram	2.25
17.	Nagaland	3.54
18.	Orissa	22.18
19.	Punjab	18.95
20.	Rajasthan	69.64
21.	Sikkim	1.07
22.	Tamil Nadu	38.13
23.	Tripura	1.11
24.	Uttar Pradesh	72.57
25.	West Bengal	7.49
Total		554.53

Pesticides

4736. SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether resistance capacity has been developed in several insects against D.D.T. paracvet, Linden and other pesticides;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the environmental and other problems created by the use of these pesticides?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Resistance is now known in 31 pest species in India out of which 19 are pests of medical and veterinary

importance, 7 are pests of stored commodities and 5 are of pests of field crops. Insecticide resistance has been reported against all major groups of pesticides including organochlorines such as DDT, BHC, Lindane and endosulfan; organophosphates such as malathion, dichlorvos and quinolphos; and synthetic pyrethroids such as cypermethrin and deltamethrin.

(c) The injudicious and inappropriate use of chemical pesticides may lead to a number of environmental and health problems as follows:

(i) Direct toxicity to applicator or consumer;

(ii) development of strains of pests resistant to pesticides;

(iii) destruction of non-target organisms such as parasites and predators of pests; honeybees and other pollinators; fishes, birds and other wildlife;

(iv) resurgence of pest leading to exceptionally high population in absence of natural enemies.

(v) Outbreak of secondary pests that are no longer controlled by their natural enemies;

(vi) accumulation of harmful residues on crop, plant, man, domestic animals, wildlife and the environment.

[English]

M.S. Gore Committee

4737. SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have accepted the recommendation given by the Prof. M.S. Gore Committee on the Police Training;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure the implementation to these recommendations by all the States and Union Territories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Aircraft Flying at Low Altitude in Tripura

4738. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign aircraft was sighted flying at a low altitude over the disturbed areas or Tripura twice during the night of April 19, 1997;